IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11 to 13, as follows.

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1. ~~(Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising the~~ steps of:

holding a profile for an input device and a profile for an output target film;

preparing a table to approximate a color reproducibility of output target film as to a color reproducibility of the input image data on the basis of the profile for the input device and the profile for the output target film;

selecting the profile for the input device on the basis of information added to an input image; and

correcting a color of the input image ~~data by using the~~ prepared table.

2. (Original) An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein data corresponding to a gray chart is described in the profile for the input device and the profile for the output target film.

3. ~~(Canceled)~~

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An image processing method according to claim~~ 1, wherein the table is prepared for each of plural color components of the input image data.

5. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising the step ~~steps~~ of:

~~correcting a color of input image data by using a table prepared on the basis of a color reproducibility for the input image data and a color reproducibility for an output target film; and~~

emphasizing an edge in a highlighted portion of the color-corrected image data.

6. (Original) An image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

performing a white balance correction using a look up table prepared on the basis of a highlighted point and a shadow point of the input image data; and

performing the color correction for the image data obtained by the white balance correction.

7. (Currently Amended) An image processing method ~~according to claim 1, further~~ comprising the steps of:

holding a profile for an input device and a profile for an output target film;

preparing a table to approximate a color reproducibility of output target film as to a color reproducibility of the input image data on the basis of the profile for the input device

and the profile for the output target film;

judging a type of an input device type according to an input image; and

determining, in accordance with a result obtained in said judging step, whether the color correction is to be performed; and

correcting a color of the input image data by using the prepared table.

8. (Original) An image processing method according to claim 7, wherein the type of the input device is described as an ID, within header information for the input image.

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to claim 7, wherein the type of the input device is the name of a digital camera, a film scanner or a flat bed scanner.

10. (Original) An image processing method according to claim 9, wherein the color correction is performed when the type of the input device is a digital camera.

11. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to claim 10, where, when said the input device type is a digital camera, the profile for the input device is automatically selected in accordance with the name of the device.

12. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

holding means for holding a profile for an input device and a profile for an

output target film;

preparation means for preparing a table to approximate a color reproducibility of an output target film as to a color reproducibility of input image data on the basis of the profile for the input device and the profile for the output target film;

selection means for selecting the profile for the input device on the basis of information added to an input image; and

color correction means for correcting the color of the input image data by using the prepared table.

13. (Currently Amended) A recording medium on which an image processing program is stored, said program comprising the steps of:

reading out a profile for an input device and a profile for an output target film;

~~preparation means for~~ preparing a table to approximate a color reproducibility of an output target film as to a color reproducibility of input image data on the basis of the profile for the input device and the profile for the output target film;

selecting the profile for the input device on the basis of information added to an input image; and

correcting the color of the input image data by using the prepared table.